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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/538,179

Applicant(s)

NODA ET AL.

Examiner

Tran N. Nguyen

Art Unit

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 4, 8 and 9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3 and 5-7 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 09 June 2005 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2 pgs.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Drawings

Figure 11 should be designated by a legend such as **--Prior Art--** because only that which is old is illustrated. See MPEP § 608.02(g). Corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. **Claims 1-2 and 8-9** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being fully anticipated by **Yosikawa et al (US 6,580,193)**.

Yosikawa discloses an insulator (figs 1-3) to be disposed in an armature core (15) in a rotary electrical machine; the armature having a plurality of radially-formed salient poles (15a), the insulator characterized in being formed to position a winding disposed on a

first layer which is a most inner side in a radial direction of the armature core approximately at a middle between the salient poles among the windings wound on the salient poles, wherein the insulator, as shown in figs 1, has an approximately V-shaped winding aligning portion (33) which gets narrower from an outer side to an inner side in the radial direction of the armature core approximately at the middle between the salient poles.

2. **Claims 1-2, 4 and 8-9** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being fully anticipated by **Nobe et al (JP-7-245896)**.

Nobe discloses an insulator (figs 1-10) to be disposed in an armature core) in a rotary electrical machine, wherein the armature having a plurality of radially-formed salient poles, the insulator characterized in being formed to position a winding disposed on a first layer which is a most inner side in a radial direction of the armature core approximately at a middle between the salient poles among the windings wound on the salient poles, wherein the insulator, as shown in figs 2 and 9, has an approximately V-shaped winding aligning portion which gets narrower from an outer side to an inner side in the radial direction of the armature core approximately at the middle between the salient poles; also figs 2 and 9-10 shows that the winding aligning portion is formed to be able to align the winding on at least tow layers at the most inner side in the radial direction of the core.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action: A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been

obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. **Claim 4** is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Yosikawa**, as applied in the rejection against the base claims, and in view of the **Applicant Admitted Prior-Art Fig 11** (hereafter **AAPA fig 11**).

Yosikawa discloses the claimed invention, except for the added limitations of the winding aligning portion is formed to be able to align the winding on at least tow layers at the most inner side in the radial direction of the core.

AAPA fig 11, particularly patterns 1-2 of fig 11, shows that the insulator's V-shaped winding aligning portion is formed to be able to align the winding on at least tow layers (314a, 314b) at the most inner side in the radial direction of the core in order to accommodately arrange sufficient require winding for the armature.

Thus, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the **Yosikawa** insulator by configuring the V-shaped winding aligning portion is formed to be able to align the winding on at least tow layers at the most inner side in the radial direction of the core, as patterns 1-2 in **AAPA fig 11**. Doing so would accommodately arrange sufficient require winding for the armature.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3 and 5-7 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Communication

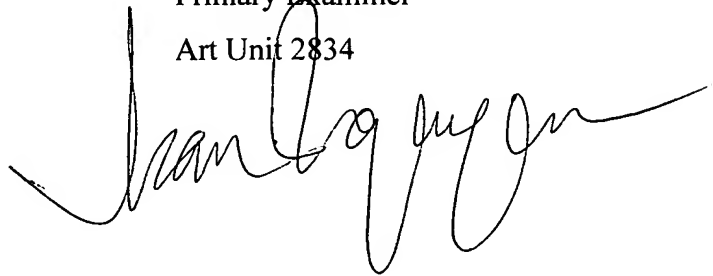
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tran N. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-2030. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Darren Schuberg can be reached on 571-272-2044. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. (**Note: Use this Central Fax number 571-273-8300 for all official response.**)

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Primary Examiner
Art Unit 2834

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tran N. Nguyen', is written over the printed name and title.